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Kaibab Plateau Christmas tree tags available Nov. 17

FREDONIA, Ariz. – Christmas tree-cutting tags for the North Kaibab Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest will go on sale Saturday, November 17.

Tags cost \$15 with a limit of one tree per household. They can be purchased at the Fredonia district office, at the Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center at Jacob Lake, or by mail.

The Fredonia district office is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, November 24, the weekend after Thanksgiving.

The Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center is open from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays and Sundays only, during the weekends of Nov. 17 and Nov. 24, weather permitting. The visitor center is located next to Jacob Lake Inn at Jacob Lake, Ariz.

If traveling to the Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center, please call ahead to ensure it is open: (928) 643-7298.

Customers can also purchase Christmas tree tags through the mail. Mail requests should include the customer's name, \$15, and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Please address mail requests to: Christmas Tree Coordinator, North Kaibab Ranger District, P.O. Box 248 / 430 South Main Street, Fredonia, Arizona 86022. Expect 7 to 10 days to receive a permit by mail.

Customers will receive a map that shows what areas are authorized for cutting. Tree species available include blue and Englemann spruce, Douglas, subalpine and white fir, pinyon and ponderosa pine, and Utah and Rocky Mountain juniper.

Christmas trees can be harvested from November 17 through December 24. The Arizona Department of Transportation will close the gate to Highway 67 at Jacob Lake no later than Saturday, Dec. 1.

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Visitors can access cutting areas via forest roads. The Forest Service urges visitors to monitor weather conditions as most roads on the district are not paved.

For more information, please contact the North Kaibab Ranger District at (928) 643-7395. -USFS-